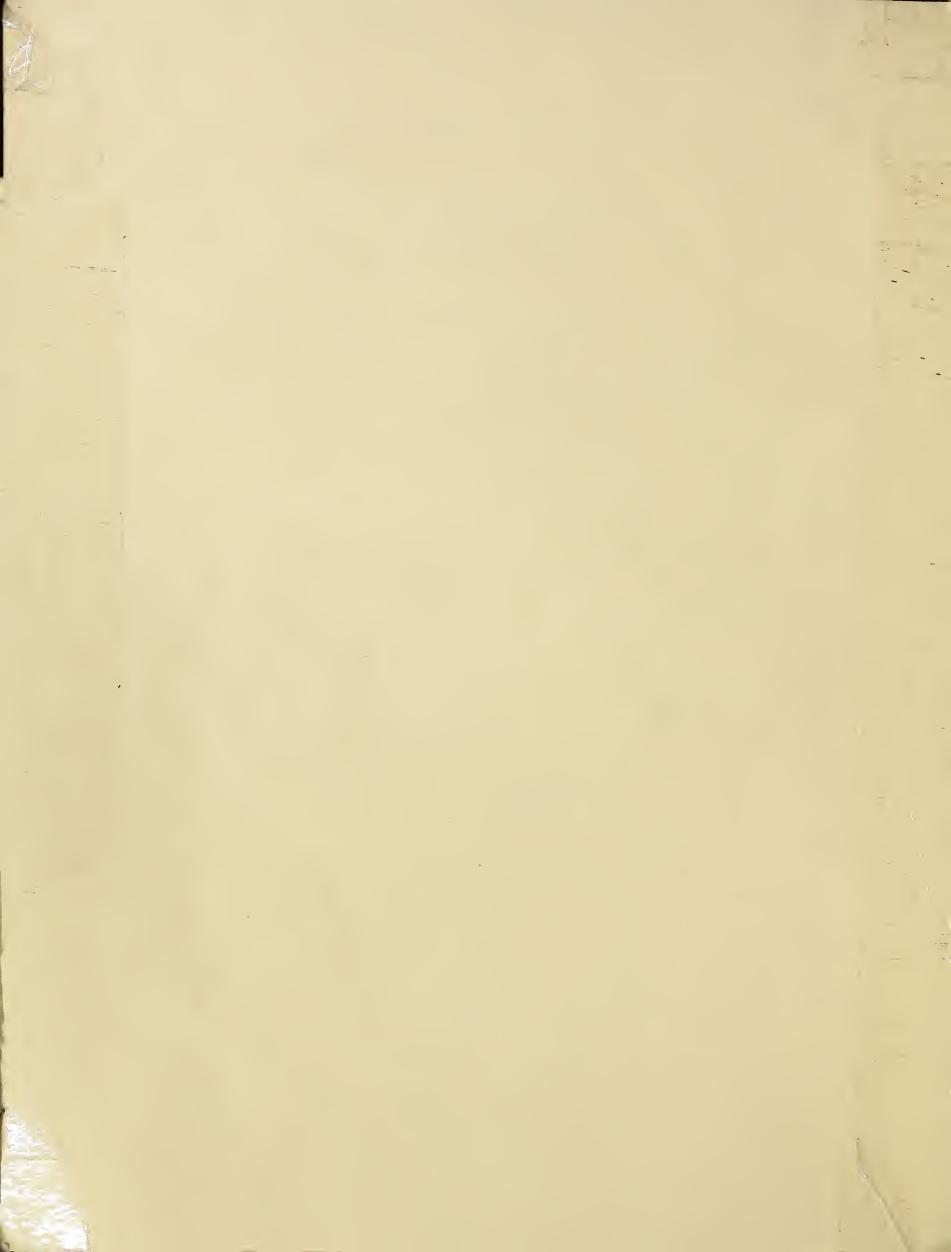
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USDA FOOD BULLETIN
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DAIRY AND POULTRY

Butter - Dealers cut distribution to the lowest point of the year, and many retail stores were without butter most of the time. No relief in sight.

Eggs - The egg supply, which is normally light at this time of year, was further reduced by heavy Army purchases.

<u>Poultry</u> - Good demand for dressed roasters and hens, but supplies of leghorn fryers were too large for the moderate demand. A moderate volume of large size turkeys remained after the Christmas buying.

MEAT

Beef - There was a moderate supply of steer and cow heef on the market, but the daily demands continued to exceed the available supply. Wide range of quality.

<u>Lamb</u> - The general demand exceeded the fairly liberal supply. Considerable range in quality.

Pork - An increased volume of pork cuts was made available, all finding ready outlets.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

The best fruit buys this week were <u>small size oranges</u> and <u>grapefruit</u>. In moderate supply were <u>lemons</u>, <u>tangerines</u> and <u>pears</u>. <u>Apples</u> and <u>grapes</u> are in light supply, and the best are at ceiling.

Cauliflower, lettuce and potatoes are the best fresh vegetable buys. A good supply of tomatoes came in from Mexico and the Imperial Valley, with prices somewhat lower. Bunched vegetables and cabbage are in moderate supply, and the moderate supply of celery was slightly higher. Artichokes are light, but slightly lower. The light supply of eggplant and onions was somewhat higher than last week. Peas, peppers, hard and soft squash and spinach were all in light supply. Beans are practically off the market.



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<u>Butter</u> - Harket ruled intensely firm. There is a strong demand at all levels for a desperately short supply.

Eggs - The acute shortage of eggs came to an end with the discontinuance of Army purchases on a priority basis. Distributors however, are of the opinion that current demand will not be entirely satisfied for a week to ten days.

Poultry - The live poultry market gained strength in spite of the interruptions due to the holidays. Recent reductions in hatchery operations, comparatively high feed costs and anticipated shortage of meat due to threatened strike were all factors in giving support to poultry markets generally.

MEAT

Beef - Supplies of steer and heifer beef continued very moderate for daily inquiry. The general trading for the week was fairly broad.

Lamb - Supplies of lamb continued below local demands. Quality during the week carried a somewhat higher percentage of Good and Choice.

Pork - Fresh pork cuts moved rather freely the past week with larger volume being made available.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

Oranges and grapefruit are the best buys of the fresh fruits this week. All citrus fruits are lower due to the return of price control. Grapes and apples are scarce and at ceiling. Avocados are fairly plentiful. Good quality pears are at ceiling, with others a little lower.

Broccoli, cauliflower, celery, lettuce, potatoes and soft squash are the best vegetable buys this week. Celery is quite plentiful in the Bay Area due to the lack of shipping facilities this week. Artichokes are lower, but still fairly high. Ecaplant, onions and peppers are scarce and at ceiling. Tomatoes are lower with most of the supply coming from Texas and Mexico. Imperial Valley tomatoes are just starting. Bunched vegetables are unchanged.

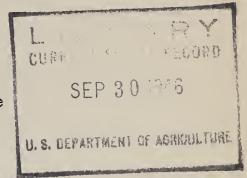
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DAIRY AND POULTRY

<u>Butter</u> - All markets were intensely firm with supplies desperately short. Production appeared to have turned the corner, but receipts at terminal markets were at record lows. Demands were intense, and only partially satisfied as distribution quotas were closely controlled,

Eggs - Supplies of eggs for regular retail outlets increased fifty percent as a result of curtailed buying by the Army and a steady gain in egg production. Distributors were not able to fill all their orders from retail outlets, however, a balance between supply and demand is expected shortly.

Poultry - The market for live poultry turned easier this week following continued liberal offerings of young chickens. A considerable percentage of current receipts of live poultry were of lower grades, which tended to weaken the market on top quality birds.

MEAT

Beef - The available cooler supplies of steer and cow beef had broad outlets and the demand far exceeded the local offcrings. Quality was in a rather narrow range of Good and Commercial, with Choice being somewhat less.

<u>Lamb</u> - The general supply of lamb showed a somewhat wider range of quality. Demand continues to clear the daily offerings.

Pork - The volume of fresh pork moved rather freely due to increased receipts of live hogs the greater part of the week. Supplies of cuts were more plentiful.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Oranges and grapefruit are the best buys of fresh fruits this week. Apples are scarce and at ceiling. All pears are at ceiling.

Broccoli, celery, lettuce and potatoes are the best vegetable buys for this week. Cabbage is in moderate supply. Onions are very scarce. Spinach is at ceiling and the quality is not too good. Squash has advanced in price during the past week. Sweet potatoes continue at ceiling. Tomatoes are advancing in price, but still slightly below the ceiling. Eggplant and cucumbers are very high. Cauliflower and arrichokes are higher in price.

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DAIRY AND POULTRY

Butter - The butter shortage has been intensified by reduction in reserves which more than offset slight production gains. There has been no let-up in demand and distribution is on a drastically reduced quota basis.

Eggs - Clear weather has stimulated egg production, but receipts from nearby areas are still insufficient to fill all outlets. Production has not shown the usual gains at this season. However, distributors believe egg supplies from now on will be more than ample for all needs.

Poultry - The strike of meat plant workers has had little apparent effect on the movement of dressed poultry into retail outlets. Sales of poultry continue about the same as usual.

MEAT

Beef - Wholesale beef supplies for the week were well sold out. General practice to fill retail orders with wholesale cuts was very pronounced. Offerings consisted largely of Good and Choice steer and heifer beef.

Lamb - General volume of lamb being offered continued normal. Quality consisted of Good to Choice cuts.

Pork - Frosh pork cuts have been fairly liberal with wide demand.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Grapefruit and oranges are best buys in fresh fruits this week. Avocados are moderately priced. Pears are scarce and selling at ceiling. Delicious apples are in quite good supply.

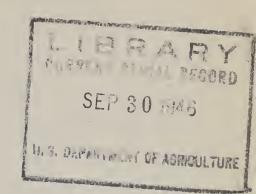
Cabbage, colory, lettuce and potatoes are the best vegetable buys. The quality of celery and lettuce is very good and the price is exceptionally reasonable, Good quality broccoli is rather high. Artichokes are higher and in lighter supply. Cauliflower, onions and peas are scarce and high. The eggplant available is of quite poor quality. Bell peppers are very high. Good quality spinach is scarce. The supply of sweet potatoes is lighter. Good quality tomatoes are selling at coiling, in moderate to light supply.

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DAIRY AND POULTRY

Butter - Reports from retail stores over last weekend indicate that practically none had any butter or oleomargarine. Civilian supplies of both commodities in this area are now evidently at the lowest point on record.

Eggs - Production continued to increase slowly and receipts were well cleared from day to day. Retail outlets reported larger supplies, and most all had sufficient stocks for civilian needs.

<u>Poultry</u> - Arrivals of live poultry continued liberal. Demand for dressed poultry has not yet shown an apparent increase due to lighter supplies of top quality meat.

MEAT

Beef - All available offerings in the beef division were well sold out, with local slaughterors having difficulty this past week in fulfilling trade demands.

Lamb - The general slaughter of lamb made up a rather small volume of the daily meat kill in many of the local plants. Quality for the week consisted largely of Good and Choice.

Pork - Fresh pork carcasses moved rather freely the past week with daily clearance being reported from the majority of coolers.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

Avocados and grapefruit are the best fresh fruit buys this week. Small sized oranges are a little higher. Lemons continue firm. Tangerines and apples are scarce and at ceiling. Good quality pears are at or just under the ceiling.

Cabbage, cauliflower, celery, lettuce and potatocs are the best fresh vegetable buys. The quality of cabbage, cauliflower and lettuce is very good. Artichokes are in quite good supply, but the price is high. Broccoli, Brussel sprouts and Italian and summer squash are quite high and scarce. Eggplant is reasonably priced, but the quality is quite poor. Peas are in moderate supply and solling at ceiling. Bell peppers are high. Dry onions are in very light supply. Good spinach is arriving from Texas and the Coachella valley. Sweet potatoes will be in better supply after the new ceiling is announced the first of the month. Tomatoes are in moderate supply and selling at ceiling.

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